

# Arkansas

## Broiler Hatchery

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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 17 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 26.1 million during the week ending March 15, 2008. Placements were up 17 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and up 8 percent from the previous week. The placements included 4.4 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.8 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

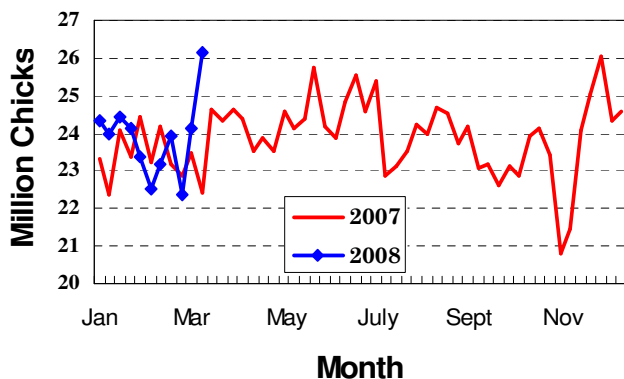
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 15, 2008, virtually unchanged from the same period last year, and from the previous week.

Week Ending <sup>1</sup>	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year	2007	2008	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Feb. 9	23,244	22,526	97	23,116	23,383	101	27,822	27,784	100
Feb. 16	24,192	23,171	96	23,086	23,081	100	27,995	28,156	101
Feb. 23	23,169	23,908	103	22,816	23,291	102	27,872	28,455	102
Mar. 1	22,890	22,362	98	23,057	22,748	99	28,089	28,418	101
Mar. 8	23,452	24,135	103	23,128	23,568	102	28,240	28,061	99
Mar. 15	22,410	26,128	117	23,023	23,829	104	28,079	28,100	100

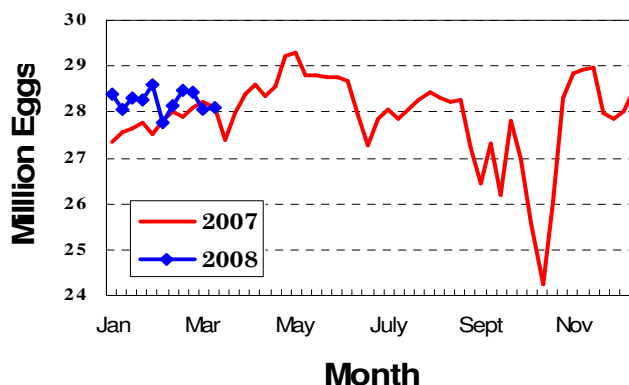
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 16, 2008 - March 15, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	16-Feb	23-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	% 1/	16-Feb	23-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,899	32,024 *	31,882	32,195	32,497	106	20,895	20,671	21,620	21,221 *	21,768	108
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>28,156</b>	<b>28,455</b>	<b>28,418</b>	<b>28,061</b>	<b>28,100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>23,171</b>	<b>23,908</b>	<b>22,362</b>	<b>24,135</b>	<b>26,128</b>	<b>117</b>
Delaware	3,999	3,997	3,982	3,969	3,960	98	4,397	4,880	5,668	4,939 *	5,058	108
Florida	1,389	1,369	1,358	1,368	1,369	100	1,382	1,317	1,302	1,459	1,353	94
Georgia	35,318	35,314	35,129	35,088	35,245	99	29,045	29,334	28,745	29,438	29,305	103
Kentucky	7,371	7,921 *	8,017	7,988	7,744	105	6,563	6,439	6,348	5,505 *	6,262	97
Louisiana	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	101	3,606	3,835	3,747	3,897	3,655	91
Maryland	9,067	8,975	9,138	8,904	9,097	101	7,291	6,618	5,271	6,403 *	5,836	98
Mississippi	18,722	18,907 *	18,774	18,865	19,031	99	17,136	17,282 *	16,945	17,056	17,438	100
N. Carolina	19,970	19,748 *	20,142	19,995	20,102	105	16,257	16,404	16,322	16,694	16,120	104
Oklahoma	6,487	6,516	6,451	6,508	6,387	95	5,688	5,374	5,575	5,086	3,606	65
Pennsylvania	4,395	3,998	4,179	4,067	4,338	110	3,233	3,344	3,234	3,329 *	3,034	102
S. Carolina	5,693	5,518	5,800	5,585	5,735	105	4,243	4,306	5,336	3,987	4,646	89
Texas	15,806	15,869	15,948	15,977	15,695	104	12,890	12,827	12,970	13,296	13,420	109
Virginia	6,428	6,443	6,443	6,413	6,080	97	4,880	4,860	5,142	4,818	5,021	102
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,855 *	20,283	20,030 *	20,084	19,598	98	16,864 *	16,841	16,918	17,866 *	17,372	102
19 State Total	218,479 *	219,261 *	219,615 *	218,991 *	218,902		177,541 *	178,240 *	177,505	179,129 *	180,022	
Prev. Year Total	214,750	214,659	216,547	215,392	215,713		171,611	172,634	173,482	174,818	174,417	
% of Prev. Year	102	102	101	102	101		103	103	102	102	103	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/</b>							5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May	

\* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 8, 2008. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 8, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 8, 2008 were 1.78 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.